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PART--I-- Orders and Notifications by the Government of Tripura, The High Court, Government Treasury etc.

GOVERNMENT OF TRIPURA OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MUNICIPAL ELECTION OFFICER (DISTRICT MAGISTRATE & COLLECTOR) WEST DISTRICT, TRIPURA.

No.F.4(11)/DM/W/JDL/2021/8767-78

Dated, Agartala, the 23rd November, 2021.

ORDER (U/S 144 Cr.P.C)

Whereas, the Polls in connection with the General Election to the Municipality 2021, pertaining to Agartala Municipal Corporation area and Ward No. 10 of Jirania Nagar Panchayat area Constituency under West Tripura District shall take place in 440 Nos. Polling Stations of West Tripura District on 25th Nov. 2021 from 7.00 AM to 4.00 PM.

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Whereas, U/S 126 of the Representation of People Act, 1951 during the period of 48 Hours ending with the hour fixed for the close of Poll, i.e. 4.00 PM of 25.11.2021, the election campaigning through public meeting etc. shall come to end and brought to a halt for which already Notice has been published in the local newspapers for general information of citizen;

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Whereas, strict vigil needs to be maintained in the Poll bound areas so as to ensure that unscrupulous elements are not able to be engaged in nefarious activities like illicit distribution of cash, gifts, liquors etc to unduly induce and influence the electors for extracting political mileage;

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Whereas, there is apprehension of illegal assembly, breach of peace and public tranquility by unscrupulous anti-social & criminal elements in various polling areas of West Tripura District which may disrupt peaceful poll process;

Hence, as per the power conferred upon me U/S 144 of the Criminal Procedure Code 1973, I, Shri Debapriya Bardhan, IAS, District Magistrate & Collector (District Municipal Election Officer) West Tripura District, Tripura do hereby pass order to prohibit any kind of assembly consisting of five or more persons with or without weapon or weapons like objects such as lathi, sticks, iron rod, bamboos, stone or any object which may be used as weapons of offence and also hereby prohibit holding of any public meeting, rally, gathering, public address with or without use of loud speakers etc, within the limit of Agartala Municipal Corporation area and Jirania Nagar Panchayat area. Also I do hereby prohibit two or more Nos of Motor Bikes or motor cars moving together in any area which also amounts a sort of illegal assembly.

However, as per the guidelines of State Election Commission of Tripura peaceful door campaign is permissible provided there should not be five or more persons including the Candidate otherwise it shall be treated as illegal assembly and any Candidate or the persons with him/her should not indulge in any kind of the distribution of Cash or kind or should not intimidate or threaten the voters.

The purpose of this prohibitory order is not to disrupt the day to day life of the responsible and duty bound citizens but is to maintain overall peace, tranquility and Law & Order so as to conduct peaceful, free and fair polls as per the guidelines of the State Election Commission of Tripura.

This order shall not be applicable :-

- 1. Polling Personnel, CAPF & Police on election duty or their vehicles, or any other persons such as media persons with valid Passes, drivers and cleaners etc or vehicles engaged in the election duty,
- 2. For the voters having valid identity cards prescribed by the State Election Commission, Tripura/Returning Officer coming for voting to the Polling stations either on foot or in their own vehicles & standing in the voters queues inside the premises of Polling Stations in disciplined manner.
- 3. For the voters having valid identity cards as prescribed by the State Election Commission, Tripura/Returning Officer and taking their personal vehicles with only the family members outside the periphery of 100 meters of Polling Stations for voting purpose at the Polling Stations but not carrying any other voters apart from the family members.
- 4. Govt. servants or Police /CAPF/Armed force on routine Govt. duty.
- 5. Gathering for educational purposes at various Educational Institutions during the day time.
- 6. Routine functioning of Govt. or Private Offices.
- 7. Normal Passengers or vehicular transport.
- 8. Normal religious gatherings at the time of prayers in the religious places or places of worship or social functions such marriage, birthday ceremony etc provided that no any kind of distribution of cash or kind to anybody will be done in such function/ ceremony.
- 9. Normal business and transactions in all the markets and mandis except that of any gathering of Political or criminal nature.
- 10. Motor cars of Candidates duly approved by the Returning Officers or any other motor cars duly permitted by the Competent Election Authority.

This order shall be valid from 4:00 PM of 23/11/2021 to till 4.00 AM of 26/11/2021. Whoever violates this order shall be punishable u/s 188 of Indian Penal Code. Issued under my hand and seal on the day of 23^{rd} Nov, 2021.

(District Municipal Election Officer)
District Magistrate & Collector

West Tripura District: Tripura